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Selectmen's Report.

THE SELECTMEN respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town :

Total valuation, April, 1879,	\$343,166 00
State, County, and Town taxes assessed,	4,395 86
Highway " "	840 40
School-House tax, District No. 1, "	78 70
" " " " No. 2, "	55 54
Number of dogs, 33, tax "	35 00
Money borrowed for use of the town,	1,110 00
Number of orders given except for school money, 97,	
Amount of orders,	5,014 07

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding notes,	\$14,635 95
Unpaid Interest,	265 00
Outstanding treasury orders,	20 00
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	\$14,950 95

ASSETS.

Outstanding taxes, 1878.	34 40
" " 1879,	391 70
Due from County for support of paupers	39 50
Cash balance in treasury, less literary fund and dog tax,	250 10
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	\$715 70
Balance debt, March 1st, 1880,	\$14,235 25

The town has the following sums to be applied to the support of schools the ensuing year :

Literary fund,	\$ 32 35
Interest on school fund,	45 55
Dog tax,	35 00
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	\$112 90

We would recommend to be raised by tax the ensuing year the following sums :

To pay State tax,	\$ 844 00
To pay County tax,	763 31
For the support of schools,	800 00
To defray town charges.	1000 00
For breaking roads in the winter,	300 00
To pay town debt and interest,	1500 00
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	\$5,207 31
To repair highways,	1,000 00

The following is the division of money appropriated to the repair of highways :

District No 1, James H. Brooks, surveyor,	\$211 65
" " 2, Milan E. Parker, "	79 55
" " 3, Gilman Gilchrist, "	30 98
" " 4, George M. Tarbox, "	35 96
" " 5, William F. Wood, "	42 19
" " 6, Everard Willard, "	43 03
" " 7, Henry A. Adams, "	30 64
" 8 and 11, Benjamin Willard, "	83 92
" " 9, Martin M. Mason, "	50 93
" " 10, Charles A. Bemis, "	40 66
" " 12, Corban C. Farwell, "	35 36
" " 13, Fred C. Farwell, "	70 31
" " 14, George W. Barker, "	41 85
Worked out by order of selectmen,	43 37
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Total,	\$840 40

DARIUS FARWELL,	} Selectmen of Harrisville.
GEORGE DAVIS.	
GEORGE WOOD,	

REPORT OF Overseer of the Poor.

1879.	Dr.	
April 4	Received of County,	\$ 78 90
Nov. 12	" " "	38 57
1880.		
Feb. 26	" " Town,	34 10
		\$151 57

1879,	Cr.	
March 6	Paid J. M. Barry, provisions for Levi Gosseau,	\$ 2 00
April 4	Keyes & Stratton, wood for Jonas Wight,	4 00
" 4	John M. Farnum, provisions for Jonas Wight,	4 00
" 4	Mary Ann Yardly, for board of Martha Cobb,	20 00
May 7	City of Keene, support of Jonas Wight,	3 00
June 2	E. L. Seaver, potatoes for Jonas Wight,	1 00
" 4	S. D. Bemis, help to transient pauper,	1 00
July 13	Mary Ann Yardly, board and clothing for Martha Cobb,	38 57
" 18	Hiram Blake, house rent for Jonas Wight,	18 00
" 18	W. B. Fitch, wood for Jonas Wight,	5 00
Dec. 25	Drs. Harrington and Richardson, examination of Mrs. C. A. Beal,	1 50
1880.		
Jan. 13	John M. Farnum, provisions for Jonas Wight,	2 00
Feb. 6	City of Keene, provisions for Jonas Wight,	2 00
" 26	Louis Ballou, for care of Louis Robert,	9 00
" 26	I. Begen, for care and support of Louis Robert,	12 75
" 26	Dr. G. L. Perry, medical services for L. Robert,	17 75
		\$151 57

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. BEMIS, Overseer of Poor.

HARRISVILLE, Feb. 26, 1880.

This certifies that I have examined the above Overseer's account, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCIS STRATTON, Auditor.

Town Agent's Report.

The following report is respectfully submitted :

1879.	Dr.	
April 3	Received Interest on A. Smith's note,	\$ 45 35
1880.		
Jan. 7	“ “ Town Bonds, Marlboro,	39 70
	Balance last year,	04
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		85 09
1879.	Cr.	
April 3	Paid Town Treasurer interest School Fund,	22 68
“ 3	“ Treasurer Congregational Society,	11 33
“ 4	“ Committee Baptist Society,	11 33
1880.		
Jan. 13	“ Town Treasurer, interest of School Fund,	19 86
“ 13	“ C. C. P. Harris, for Congregational Society,	9 92
“ 13	“ Joel F. Mason, for Baptist Society,	9 92
	Balance unpaid,	05
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		95 09

Harrisville, March 1, 1880.

AARON SMITH, Agent.

REPORT OF Library Committee.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1879,	\$ 21 23
Received for fines,	5 71
“ for catalogues sold,	1 70
“ from Town Treasurer,	7 57
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	\$ 36 21

EXPENSES.

Paid Farnum & Scott, printing catalogues,	6 00
“ H. B. Stone & Co., paper for covers,	2 75
“ Express,	25
“ W. O. Upton, making book cases,	7 57
“ Stationery,	32
“ F. Stratton, use of vestry,	10 00
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	\$ 26 89
Balance,	9 32
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	\$ 36 21

The health of Mrs. M. L. Farwell was such that she was compelled to resign as Librarian in October, and in consequence it became necessary to remove the library to other quarters. The room necessary was secured in the brick vestry.

At that time the means for the maintenance of the Library were nearly exhausted and application was made to the Selectmen for funds to continue the operations. A large number of books (more than one hundred volumes) are laid aside for repairs in binding, and they are books constantly being called for. The Selectmen decided to pay the running expenses but nothing for repairs. This decision, with the neglect of the town to make an appropriation has made it

embarrassing. No additions have been made during the year except by donation.

We cannot afford to dispense with the Library. Almost every town in New England has its public library, and they are supported with no stinted or begrudgingly bestowed appropriations, and as we have before remarked, a public library is an important agency in improving and reforming the community in which it is placed.

Upon the retirement of Mrs. Farwell, Mrs. L. M. Tuttle was appointed Librarian for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Tuttle has given good satisfaction to the patrons.

AARON SMITH,	}	Library Committee.
CYRUS H. HAYWARD,		
EDWIN P. HUNT,		

Harrisville, March 1, 1880.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1879.		
Feb. 27	Cash on hand in Treasury,	\$ 1542 25
Apr. 3	Aaron Smith, Interest on School Fund,	22 68
May 31	Corbin C. Farwell, Coll., Henry Adams,	29 98
" 31	Darius Farwell, " Taxes 1878,	100 00
June 7	Corbin C. Farwell, " " 1879,	19 29
" 25	" " " " "	100 00
" 21	Selectmen, for use of town,	410 00
July 5	" " " "	300 00
" 17	Cemetery Lot, Island Cemetery,	12 00
Aug. 6	Corbin C. Farwell, Coll.,	50 00
" 8	Selectmen for use of town,	100 00
" 19	" " " George Davis,	110 00
" 23	" " " "	300 00
Sept. 9	Darius Farwell, Coll., Taxes 1878,	70 00
" 18	Corbin C. Farwell, " "	250 00
" 26	Darius Farwell, Bounty on fox,	50
Oct. 1	Corbin C. Farwell, Coll., Michael Cashion,	4 57
" 31	" " " "	700 00
Nov. 7	Cemetery Lot, Island Cemetery,	12 00
" 7	Darius Farwell, Coll., Taxes for 1876,	10 83
" 8	Literary Fund,	57 35
" 8	Savings Bank Tax,	752 67
" 26	Corbin C. Farwell, Collector,	450 00
Dec. 2	" " " "	240 00
" 4	" " " "	200 00
" 13	" " " "	888 97
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		\$ 6733 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

1879.	STATE AND COUNTY.	
Nov. 1	Paid County Tax,	\$763 31
" 8	" State Tax,	924 00

1879.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

June 13	Wellington Seaver, interest on note,	\$ 18 00
July 17	William Halpin, " "	9 00
Aug. 19	" " Note and interests,	301 95
Nov. 7	Darius Farwell, interest on notes,	22 00
Dec. 2	Sarah L. Knight, " on note,	48 00
" 12	Aaron Smith, " "	18 00
Apr. 3	" " " "	45 35

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Nov. 7	John F. Warren, District No. 1,	75 00
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SCHOOLS.

May 24	John K. Frame, School District No. 1,	75 00
June 26	Henry J. Weare, " 5,	50 00
July 5	M. A. Broon, " Dublin, No. 6,	15 00
" 8	Charles Yardley, " No. 3,	25 00
" 16	George W. Tarbox, " 4,	50 00
" 23	Aaron Smith, " 2,	84 00
" 29	John Frame, " 1,	105 00
Sept. 8	Charles A. Bemis, " 2,	7 50
Oct. 29	Aaron Smith, " 2,	75 00
Nov. 11	Charles Yardley, " 3,	90 00
" 25	George N. Robbins, 1878 & 1879, Nelson, No. 5,	6 88
Dec. 9	Albert Crain, " " No. 3,	6 10
" 11	John Frame, School District No. 1,	50 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

March 11	J. A. Mason, labor on washout,	2 55
April 7	Zophar Willard, plank for bridges,	22 33
May 15	Martin Mason, repairing highway, 1878,	3 15
" 15	Charles K. Towne, " " "	2 10
" 31	Charles A. Bemis, " " "	14 67
" 31	Charles J. Smith, " " "	4 85
" 31	George Woods, " " "	4 60
" 31	Charles A. Bemis, plank and timber,	4 80
June 16	Charles H. Nye, repairing highway, 1878,	7 17
" 26	Martin M. Mason, labor on " "	9 00

1879.

BREAKING ROADS.

May	15	Martin M. Mason,	\$ 4 87
"	15	Chas. K. Towne,	42 47
"	15	Winslow Royce,	17 85
"	19	George Davis,	3 00
"	19	James H. Brooks,	11 47
"	21	Gilman Kendall,	13 55
"	31	Merrill J. Russell,	36 47
"	31	Charles A. Bemis,	27 91
"	31	George Woods,	9 05
"	31	Wellington Seaver,	12 00
"	31	Darius Farwell,	15 75
June	16	Charles H. Nye,	11 31
July	5	George W. Barker,	47 22
Sept.	17	Benjamin Willard,	2 55
"	17	George W. Seaver,	17 00
Nov.	7	J. G. Lakin,	7 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Mar.	13	S. L. Babcock, wood for Jonas Wight,	7 34
Apr.	3	John M. Barry, Bal. of rubber boots, L. Gosseau,	1 00
Sept.	21	S. L. Babcock, wood furnished Jonas Wight,	4 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Mar.	28	Faulkner & Batchelder, retaining fee,	6 00
"	28	W. H. Spalter, Stationery,	6 60
Apr.	15	George W. Seaver, sheep killed by dogs,	15 00
"	17	Charles H. Nye, " " "	7 00
"	30	J. D. Colony & Sons, printing town reports,	32 50
"	30	Don H. Woodward, counsel and retaining fee,	6 00
May	31	John Rutherford, damage to sleigh,	2 00
June	17	Faulkner & Batchelder, services and advice,	16 50
July	5	Jonas H. Rice, interest on judgment, T. H. Wood,	33 44
"	2	Theodore H. Wood, trustee M. & K. R. R.,	1519 86
"	2	Jonas C. Rice, fees and charges on extension,	23 85
Aug.	9	Jos. W. Powers, funeral services, Mrs. Jessie Warren,	4 00
"	8	Fred Colony, services, Jonas C. Rice,	2 00
"	28	George Davis, selectman,	110 00
Sept.	8	Francis Stratton, work on cemetery,	22 22
"	8	Charles Bemis, working non-resident tax,	6 86

Oct. 1	Fred Colony, Stationery,	4 00
Nov. 7	J. A. Cline account, maps for state of N. H.,	25 00
" 29	Samuel D. Bemis, Jenne case,	18 78
" 29	Faulkner & Batchelder, "	72 25
" 29	B. Wadleigh, "	184 72
Dec. 12	J. L. Burbank, dinner furnished 18 men & 4 horses,	11 00

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received,	\$ 6733 09	
Paid County tax,		\$ 763 31
" State Tax,		924 00
" for Schools,		639 48
" School-house tax,		75 00
" Notes and interest,		462 30
" Highways and bridges,		75 22
" Breaking Roads,		279 47
" Support of Poor,		12 84
" Miscellaneous expenses,		2129 58
Cash on hand in Treasury,		1371 89
	\$ 6733 09	\$ 6733 09

Respectfully submitted,

FRED COLONY, Town Treasurer.

HARRISVILLE, Dec 16, 1879.

This certifies that I have examined the above Town Treasury account, and find it to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. T. TUFTS, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand in treasury,	\$ 1371 89
Corban C. Farwell, collector of taxes, 1879,	350 00
“ “	225 00
Darius Farwell, “ “ 1877,	40 00
“ “ interest of taxes,	10 38
Aaron Smith, interest school fund,	19 86
Darius Farwell, Collector, dog tax, 1878,	14 00
“ “ interest of taxes,	20 24
Corban C. Farwell, collector of taxes, 1879,	300 00
“ “ “ “ “	200 00
“ “ “ “ “	200 00
Francis Stratton, grass on Island Cemetery, 1878,	6 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1879,	4 00
“ “ stone post sold from Island Cemetery,	6 50
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	\$ 2767 87

DISBURSEMENTS.

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Levi Emery estate,	\$ 501 83
E. M. West,	210 00
E. M. West,	120 00
Maria W. Jones,	60 00
Matilda C. Harris,	60 00
William Halpin,	66 00
Hugh Varner,	90 00
George F. Tufts,	60 00
Darius Farwell,	101 28
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	\$ 1,269 10

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAX.

Aaron Smith, District No. 2,	\$ 53 50
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SCHOOLS.

Aaron Smith, District No. 2,	\$ 39 35
George Tarbox, " " 4,	66 83
Harvey J. Ware, " " 5,	77 53
Charles Yardley, " " 3,	13 84
Moses A. Brown, " " 6,	27 15
John K. Frame, " " 1,	87 15
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	\$ 311 85

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Zophar Willard, plank for bridge,	\$ 23 44
James H. Brooks, iron and pole for railing,	8 95
" " labor building railing,	8 41
" " labor on highway,	2 10
Sylvester T. Symonds, plank, &c., for bridge,	14 80
Martin M. Mason, work, timber and iron for railing,	4 66
Gilman Gilchrist, plank for bridge,	6 68
George Wood, labor on highway,	3 08
Milan L. Parker, lumber and plank for bridge,	4 61
Aaron Smith, repairing south road,	3 37
Benjamin Willard, repairing bridges,	3 08
George W. Barker, extra work on highway,	3 90
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	87 08

BREAKING ROADS.

Gilman Gilchrist, breaking roads, 1879,	5 80
Charles C. Farwell, " " "	5 80
Orlando Fogg, " " 1878 and 9,	3 70
Benjamin Willard, " " 1879,	3 15
Francis Stratton, " "	1 50
William Halpin, shoveling snow,	1 35
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	21 30

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Darius Farwell, abatement of taxes, 1877,	\$ 7 59
R. J. Holt, costs in Jenne suit,	121 36
George Davis, horse hire,	3 50
Gilman Gilchrist, working non resident tax,	2 75
George F. Tufts, expense to Keene to pay cost in Jenne suit,	2 00
Milan L. Parker, working out non resident tax,	9 85
Darius Farwell postage and stationery,	1 95
“ “ balance collecting taxes, 1877,	5 00
Corbin C. Farwell, non resident highway receipts,	3 54
“ “ abatement of taxes, 1879,	81 72
George F. Tufts, receipt book,	75
William H. Jones, rent of hall,	30 00
Aaron Smith, expense of public library,	7 57
S. D. Bemis expense in Jenne suit,	3 75
Merrill J. Russell, team to carry prisoners to Keene,	6 00
S. D. Bemis, pauper bill,	34 10
Francis Stratton, team and services to Keene in Jenne suit,	6 00
“ “ to Pottersville,	75
George W. Barker, working non resident tax,	5 66
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	333 84

TOWN OFFICERS.

Fred Colony, services as Town clerk,	15 00
“ “ “ Treasurer	22 50
Corban C. Farwell, “ Collector 1879,	55 00
Aaron Smith, “ Superintending school Com.,	30 00
S. D. Bemis, “ Town Agent,	27 00
S. D. Bemis, “ Overseer of Poor,	17 00
Solon W. Earle, “ Police officer,	15 00
M. J. Russell, “ “ “	6 00
Laura M. Tuttle, “ Librarian,	10 00
Darius Farwell, “ Selectman,	66 25
George Davis, “ “	34 25
George Wood, “ “	31 25
Francis Stratton, “ Sexton,	20 00
“ “ “ Auditor,	2 00
George F. Tufts, “ Town clerk,	5 00
“ “ “ Treasurer,	7 50
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	373 75

RECAPITULATION.

Cash received,	\$ 2,767 87	
Notes and interest,		\$ 1269 10
Schools,		311 85
School-House tax,		53 50
Highways and bridges,		87 68
Breaking roads,		21 39
Miscellaneous expenses,		333 84
Town Officers,		373 75
Cash in treasury,		317 45
	\$ 2,767 87	\$ 2,767 87

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. TUFTS, Treasurer.

HARRISVILLE, Feb 26, 1880.

This certifies that I have examined the above Town Treasury account, and find it to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCIS STRATTON, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE Superintending School Committee.

In compliance with the laws of the State the following report of the condition of the schools in the town of Harrisville for the year ending March 1, 1880, is respectfully submitted.

We find by the record there was available for the support of schools the past year, the following sums:—Literary fund, \$75.20, School fund, \$42.55, Dog tax, \$52.00, amount voted to be raised by tax, \$800; making a total of \$969.75. We also find from the records there was divided among the several districts, \$947.75, as follows:

DISTRICTS.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	DIVISION.
No. 1,	John K. Frame,	\$ 317 15
“ 2,	Aaron Smith,	205 85
“ 3,	Charles L. Yardley,	128 84
“ 4,	George M. Tarbox,	116 83
“ 5,	Harvey J. Ware,	127 53
“ 6, Dublin,		42 15
“ 3, Nelson,		6 10
“ 5, “		3 30
		\$ 947 75

It appears from the above statement, if found correct, there is a balance of \$22.00 in the treasury which was available, but not apportioned.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

DISTRICT No. 1.—The Spring term of the Grammar school was in charge of Mr. A. K. Smith, of Northfield, Mass. The school appeared very well at the closing examination. The recitations were good, especially when those examples in arithmetic were worked and explained on the blackboard. We believe good improvement was made. The Spring term of the Primary school was taught by Miss Alice M. Brooks. This was Miss Brooks' first school. She has a faculty of gaining the love and confidence of her scholars,

which in a school of this character is one of the requirements to make it a success. The school was large and required a large amount of patience and skill in its management.

The fall term of the Primary school was taught by the same teacher, Mrs. Alice M. Singer. Mrs. S. continued to take the same deep interest and manifested the same genial and pleasant appearance which won the love of her pupils. The closing examinations indicated a commendable progress.

The winter term of the Grammar school was in charge of Mr. John R. B. Kelley, of Weare, N. H. We believe Mr. K. endeavored to be faithful but did not quite succeed in maintaining that degree of order which is necessary to make the school pleasant and profitable. The classes in Reading and Arithmetic made a fine progress, and the class in Grammar (mostly new in that branch) laid a good foundation. There is an evil that seems to me to be peculiar to this school, the habit of minding other scholar's business and not their own. It is a great annoyance and hindrance to a scholar, who desires to study, to have his or her attention drawn away by the action or motion of another. We speak of this as a duty and for the good of the school. There should be some steps taken to extirpate this evil. The co-operation of the committees with an experienced teacher would do much to banish it, and when accomplished it would be one of the best of schools, for the material is good.

A writing school of two weeks was taught by Mr. H. P. Smith. We are sorry to say that it was nearly a failure. The teacher is an excellent penman, but there seemed to be an entire lack of order, so necessary to make good progress. No doubt some progress was made, but we fear not enough to counterbalance the effect of so much disorder.

DISTRICT No 2—The Spring and Fall terms were under the instruction of Miss Allie M. Townsend. She fully sustained her reputation as a teacher. Quiet and earnest in her work, and devoted to the best interests and advancement of her school. The exercises at the closing examinations were interesting and satisfactory, especially the review recitations in Arithmetic and Geography, and indicated a thoroughness that was creditable to teacher and pupils.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Emma J. Chase, of Marlboro, a teacher of considerable experience and evidently believes in the old maxim that "order is Heaven's first law." She was alive in all her school duties, prompt and energetic and as a matter of course a good degree of success resulted from her efforts. We cheerfully accord our commendation.

DISTRICT No. 3.—The Spring term was taught by Miss Lizzie I. Willard. This was Miss W's first attempt in this vocation, and we confess that we had misgivings as to her success, but were happily disappointed. She commenced with interest and spirit and won the affection and respect of her pupils, and the examination at the close was alike creditable to the teacher and her pupils. Miss W. with experience will take high rank as a teacher.

The Winter term was under the charge of Miss Clara E. Wood. Miss W. is one of our veteran teachers, and fully sustained her reputation while in charge of this school. The order and deportment by the register was excellent, and the closing examination was satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Both terms of school in this district was taught by Miss Minnie E. Piper, of Dublin. This was a profitable school the closing examination must have been as satisfactory to the visitors as it was to the committee. The recitations were prompt and spirited and showed an intimate acquaintance with the branches pursued, and afforded evidence of the fidelity of the teacher and proficiency of the pupils. Miss P. is a model teacher and is worthy of a wider field for the exercise of her vocation.

DISTRICT No. 5.—The Summer term were taught by Miss Grace E. Heywood, of Sterling, Mass. This was Miss Heywood's first school and she gave evidence that she loved her work and aimed to benefit those placed in her charge. The school appeared finely at the close; the recitations indicated a satisfactory progress.

The Winter term was in charge of Mr. Willis E. Knight; he seemed determined to make the school a good one, and succeeded admirably. He won the confidence and respect of his pupils and the result was an excellent school.

TEXT BOOKS.

We remarked in our report last year, that it would be desirable to make a change in the arithmetics then in use. We decided to make the change, and selected, (after an examination of several series) "Greenleaf's New Mathematical Series," and the result is very satisfactory. We desire to thank the citizens and pupils for the promptness and readiness to make changes in text books as recommended.

No farmer, manufacturer or mechanic can successfully compete with others in the same business with inferior tools or machinery of his trade. As was stated in last report, advance has been made in methods of instruction which almost compel a change. Our list of text books now in use in this town will compare favorably with that of other towns. The study of the History of the United States, is not pursued in our schools as it should be. We are well aware that it is a dry study to many scholars, which is

to be attributed partly to the text book used and the style of the author. We have examined a work entitled a "Brief History of the United States," published by A. S. Barnes & Co., and it is written in a pleasing way and is attractive in form and arrangement and illustrated with maps, &c. We wish it might be introduced into our schools.

A few general remarks will close this report. We have endeavored to be faithful in the performance of our duty, and can say that our schools have all been good with one exception. Not but what they can be improved by a hearty co-operation of parents, teachers and pupils; indeed, this is absolutely necessary.

Better schoolrooms, can be provided, although our school houses are comfortable. A removal of all obstacles to the progress of our schools is desirable, and one of these is that some parents place too little value upon education, so much so that they are apparently indifferent whether their children attend school or not.

Irregular attendance is one of the difficulties which we have to contend with, for it distracts the arrangements of the teacher and disturbs the school. If every scholar is in attendance every hour, the school is far more interesting and profitable, moving along as in martial array, shoulder to shoulder aided and directed by the teacher, much can be accomplished, while if the line be broken, that is if a portion of the school is absent, if only for a day, such disarrangement operates as a brake or clog to the school. Irregular attendance caused by sickness is excusable, but when caused by the indifference of the parent or scholar, it does a great wrong to those who are regular in attendance and an injustice to the teacher. These remarks were suggested on finding in the school registers 904 1-2 days marked as absent; equal to more than one hundred and fifty weeks. Appended will be found a table made up from the school registers as returned by the several teachers. It will be noticed that we had seven week's schooling less than last year.

We will close this report by again commending the welfare of our schools to the wise liberality of the town, hoping all will unite, heart and hand in this important work and make our schools a blessing in the highest degree to this community.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON SMITH, Sup't. School Committee.

Harrisville, March 1, 1880.

Liberty

Districts.	Terms.	Teachers.	Length of School in weeks.	No. of Scholars attending two weeks.	Percentage of attendance.	Physiology.	Geography.	Grammar.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Pennmanship.	U. S. History.	Book-Keeping.	Wages per month including board.
1	Grammar, Spring	Mr. A. K. Smith	9	32	87.5									34 00
"	"	Miss Alice M. Brooks,	9	51										32 00
"	" Fall	Mrs. Alice M. B. Singer,	12	50										28 00
"	Grammar, Winter	Mr. John B. R. Kelley,	10	44	86.4		14	9	43			2	8	32 00
"	Writing,	Mr. H. P. Smith,	2	25										32 00
2	Spring,	Miss Alice M. Townsend,	8	30	95	2	12	4	17		13			29 00
"	Fall,	"	9	30	92	1	12	2	24		13			36 00
3	Winter,	Miss Emma J. Chase,	10	22	90	1	10	4	10	2	2	1		22 00
"	Summer,	Miss Lizzie I. Willard,	8	18	97		10	4	10	1	8			27 00
"	Winter,	Miss Clara E. Wood,	10.4	9	83	1	7	3	8	2	8			20 00
4	Summer,	Miss Minnie E. Piper,	9	7	99		5	3	5	1	6	1		24 00
"	Winter,	"	12	11	85		6	4	10	1	9	3	1	20 00
5	Summer,	Miss Grace E. Heyward,	8	14	91		7	3	8		5			20 00
"	Winter,	Mr. Willis E. Knight,	12.2	16	12.5		9	6	15	1	11	1	1	31 00

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